

Provider Talking Points

- **A new GED® test will be launched on January 1, 2014.**
 - This will be a computer-based test, but it will not be online. Students will still go to a test site to take the exam.
 - The current test has five content areas. The new test will have four content areas:
 - Reasoning through Language Arts
 - Mathematical Reasoning
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - The test is based on Common Core State Standards – just like K-12 education.
 - The new test will continue to be a measure of high school equivalency.
 - It will measure career- and college-readiness skills – a new, additional endorsement that can be added to a test-taker's credential.
 - The cost to take the entire test will be \$120.
 - For more information, go to gedtestingservice.com.
- **The current GED® test will stop being administered in Kentucky on December 18, 2013.**
 - Individuals who have successfully completed part of the GED® test need to come in to complete; their scores will expire at the end of the year.
 - Students who have already started studying for the GED® test may want to put their studies on a fast track and complete by the end of this year, because the new GED® test has a different format and content.
 - The current test is offered across the state in paper and pencil form. It is offered in several areas on computer.
 - The current cost to take the entire test on paper is \$60. The current cost to take the entire test on computer is \$120.
 - Currently, the test has five content areas – reading, math, science, social studies and language arts/writing.
 - [Also discuss local information:
 - How to get started / process of earning a GED® test credential.
 - Center location, hours, phone number, website, Facebook page.
 - Success stories (ask students for permission ahead of time to give contact information in case a reporter wants to contact them).]
- **History of GED® testing can be found here:** <http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/history>
- **KYAE websites:** www.knowhow2goky.org and www.kyae.ky.gov
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